Sl.No.	Name	Location
(i)	Talcher Stage -I	Dhenkanal District in Orissa.
(ii)	Chandrapur Stage-I	Chandrapur District in Maharashtra.
(iii)	Yamunanagar Stage-I	Ambala District in Haryana
(iv)	North Karanpura Stage-I	Ranchi District in Bihar.
(v)	Rihand Stage-II	Mirzapur District in Uttrar Presesh.
(vi)	Vindhyachal Stage-II	Sidhi District in Madhya Pradesh.
(vii)	Farakka Stage-III	Murshidabad District in West Bengal.

Thermal Power Generation

694. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently initiated an action plan to galvanise the thermal power output in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the thermal power generation is likely to be enhanced and the steep problem of power shortages is likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) In order to offset the shortfall in hydel generation, a contingency plan was formulated and implemented to increase the thermal generation during 1987-88. Various measures taken to increase thermal generation included rescheduling of planned maintenance taking into account current performance of the unit, bringing back units under forced outage and planned maintenance within the shortest possible time, arranging for additional supplies of coal etc. As a result of these measures, the thermal generation during 1987-88 was more than the target by over 6 billion units. The target for thermal generation during 1988-89 has been fixed as 163,000 MUs which is about 14 per cent higher than the target for 1987-88. Overall power shortage in the country during 1987-88 was 10.9 per cent. Against this the anticipated power shortage during 1988-89 is 8.7 per cent.

Commercial Utilisation of Gas

695. PROF. C LAKSHMANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps would be taken by Government to commercially utilise the huge out put of natural gas and crude from Krishna and Godavari basin:

(b) whether there are any proposals formulated by Government to utilise the Natural gas as in done by HBJ Pipeline with the gas from Bombay High;

(c) whether any country has come forward to collaborate in the utilisation of this natural gas; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?